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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report -September 13, 2021

Adult Faith Formation/Ministry Refresher and Training

I'm pleased to announce that on Saturday, September 11th, 18 of us gathered for Part 1 of a refresher **or** first time training for Lector or Eucharistic Minister. Each person attended a presentation exposing them to a bit of the Theology of Ministry and also a presentation on The Liturgy. Between the 2 presentations, ministers participated in a breakout group for their own ministry to provide them with specifics and practicum for doing their ministry. It's heartening to see such positive feedback in the evaluations that participants completed at the end of the session. I'm grateful for having such a wonderful team to work with on this course. I invited Pat Davies, a member of Sister Margaret Ellen's original C.O.R.E. Team with me for over 20 years. The rest of the team was put together in- house. Beth Texter, my wife, and Pat worked with the Lector breakout, and Kathy Fayol and Lisa Dyer worked with me on the Eucharistic Minister breakout, and I'm grateful to each.

Looking forward to Part 2 of the refresher/training on September 27th. Sister Margaret Ellen is planning on joining us then. It's heartening to see that 2 Eucharistic Ministers who took a hiatus for some years attended and are looking forward to rejoining the ministry. And likewise there may be another Eucharistic Minister and another Lector with us after the training and when they have some time for discernment.

Down the Road

Coming up on November 6 we will have a *Morning of Prayer, Song and Communal Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*. Sister Margaret Ellen will give us an inspiring talk as usual, and we look forward to Father Paul Anointing us with the Sacrament. As always, we can look forward to some beautiful music from Bette.

God bless you all,



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